Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2013

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended February 16, 2013, there were 546,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan during February 2013, an increase of 900 from January 2013 and 24,400 more than the number employed in February 2012.

Agricultural employment was 40,400 persons in February 2013, down 500 from the January 2013 level but 8,000 more than the February 2012 agricultural employment level of 32,400. Non-agricultural employment was 505,800 persons in February 2013. This is an increase of 1,400 from the January 2013 non-agriculture employment level of 504,400 and 16,400 more than February 2012.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2013 was 3.8 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the January 2013 rate of 4.1 percent and 1.5 percentage points lower than the February 2012 level of 5.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 600 to 567,800 persons in February 2013 from 568,400 persons in January 2013. However, this is 16,600 more than the February 2012 labour force of 551,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 69.3 percent in February 2013 from 69.4 percent in January 2013. However, the February 2012 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.4 percent.

There were 21,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2013. This is a decrease of 1,400 from January 2013 and is 7,700 less than the number unemployed in February 2012.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 552,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2013, up 700 from the January 2013 level of 551,600 and up 22,900 from the February 2012 employment level of 529,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2013 was 3.8 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the January 2013 rate of 4.0 percent and 1.1 percentage points lower than the February 2012 rate of 4.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 100,300 persons in February 2013 to 17,409,000 persons from 17,308,700 persons in January 2013. In February 2012, there were 17,064,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in February 2013 to 7.3 percent from the January 2013 level of 7.4 percent. In February 2012, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.0 percent in February 2013. This is unchanged from January 2013 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the February 2012 level of 7.4 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	February 2013	January 2013	February 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,789.8	18,701.5	18,487.7	88.3	302.1
Employed ('000)	17,409.0	17,308.7	17,064.1	100.3	344.9
Full-Time ('000)	13,915.9	13,872.8	13,615.8	43.1	300.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,493.1	3,435.9	3,448.3	57.2	44.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,380.8	1,392.8	1,423.6	-12.0	-42.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	7.4	7.7	-0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	7.0	7.4	0.0	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	65.6	65.6	0.3	0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	567.8	568.4	551.2	-0.6	16.6
Employed ('000)	546.2	545.3	521.8	0.9	24.4
Full-Time ('000)	445.3	440.5	423.9	4.8	21.4
Part-Time ('000)	100.9	104.8	97.9	-3.9	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	21.7	23.1	29.4	-1.4	-7.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	4.1	5.3	-0.3	-1.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	4.0	4.9	-0.2	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.4	68.4	-0.1	0.9
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,263.9	2,254.4	2,216.9	9.5	47.0
Employed ('000)	2,159.3	2,152.7	2,106.2	6.6	53.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,809.4	1,799.7	1,739.2	9.7	70.2
Part-Time ('000)	349.9	353.0	367.1	-3.1	-17.2
Unemployed ('000)	104.6	101.6	110.7	3.0	-6.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.5	5.0	0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.5	4.9	0.0	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	72.2	73.0	0.2	-0.6
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	664.5	663.8	656.7	0.7	7.8
Employed ('000)	629.4	631.1	617.4	-1.7	12.0
Full-Time ('000)	498.7	499.2	488.7	-0.5	10.0
Part-Time ('000)	130.6	131.9	128.7	-1.3	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	35.1	32.7	39.3	2.4	-4.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	4.9	6.0	0.4	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	5.0	5.6	-0.1	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.6	68.4	0.0	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February 2013	January 2013	February 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	567.8	568.4	551.2	-0.6	16.6
Male	304.1	303.3	296.5	0.8	7.6
Female	263.7	265.1	254.7	-1.4	9.0
15-24 Years of Age	90.4	90.7	91.0	-0.3	-0.6
25+ Years of age	477.4	477.6	460.2	-0.2	17.2
EMPLOYED ('000)	546.2	545.3	521.8	0.9	24.4
Male	292.4	291.3	280.2	1.1	12.2
Female	253.8	254.0	241.5	-0.2	12.3
15-24 Years of Age	82.6	82.6	83.1	0.0	-0.5
25+ Years of age	463.6	462.6	438.7	1.0	24.9
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	21.7	23.1	29.4	-1.4	-7.7
Male	11.8	11.9	16.2	-0.1	-4.4
Female	9.9	11.1	13.2	-1.2	-3.3
15-24 Years of Age	7.8	8.1	7.9	-0.3	-0.1
25+ Years of age	13.8	15.0	21.6	-1.2	-7.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.8	4.1	5.3	-0.3	-1.5
Male	3.9	3.9	5.5	0.0	-1.6
Female	3.8	4.2	5.2	-0.4	-1.4
15-24 Years of Age	8.6	8.9	8.7	-0.3	-0.1
25+ Years of age	2.9	3.1	4.7	-0.2	-1.8
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.3	69.4	68.4	-0.1	0.9
Male	74.6	74.5	74.2	0.1	0.4
Female	64.0	64.4	62.7	-0.4	1.3
15-24 Years of Age	66.2	66.4	66.7	-0.2	-0.5
25+ Years of age	69.9	70.0	68.7	-0.1	1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	February 2013	January 2013	February 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	40.4	40.9	32.4	-0.5	8.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.7	25.6	24.4	0.1	1.3
Utilities	4.8	5.4	5.0	-0.6	-0.2
Construction	44.8	45.3	37.0	-0.5	7.8
Manufacturing	27.9	27.9	29.1	0.0	-1.2
Trade	84.9	83.8	78.0	1.1	6.9
Transportation and Warehousing	25.1	25.5	25.6	-0.4	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.9	29.3	29.9	-0.4	-1.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.8	25.2	25.5	0.6	0.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.0	10.9	11.9	0.1	-0.9
Educational Services	47.7	47.0	44.6	0.7	3.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	73.8	74.0	69.3	-0.2	4.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.0	17.5	18.5	0.5	-0.5
Accommodation and Food Services	31.1	28.8	34.6	2.3	-3.5
Other Services	27.8	26.5	26.1	1.3	1.7
Public Administration	28.4	31.7	29.9	-3.3	-1.5
Total	546.2	545.3	521.8	0.9	24.4
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	445.3	440.5	423.9	4.8	21.4
Part-Time	100.9	104.8	97.9	-3.9	3.0
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	441.0	441.4	428.3	-0.4	12.7
Public Sector	141.6	145.0	137.2	-3.4	4.4
Private Sector	299.4	296.5	291.1	2.9	8.3
Self-Employed	105.2	103.9	93.5	1.3	11.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February 2013	January 2013	February 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,409.0	17,308.7	17,064.1	100.3	344.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	223.8	220.0	217.1	3.8	6.7
Prince Edward Island	70.5	68.9	67.2	1.6	3.3
Nova Scotia	440.2	436.9	445.1	3.3	-4.9
New Brunswick	340.6	337.2	339.3	3.4	1.3
Quebec	3,942.4	3,936.4	3,829.4	6.0	113.0
Ontario	6,770.2	6,720.8	6,649.8	49.4	120.4
Manitoba	629.4	631.1	617.4	-1.7	12.0
Saskatchewan	546.2	545.3	521.8	0.9	24.4
Alberta	2,159.3	2,152.7	2,106.2	6.6	53.1
British Columbia	2,286.5	2,259.5	2,270.8	27.0	15.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.3	7.4	7.7	-0.1	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.0	13.7	14.2	-0.7	-1.2
Prince Edward Island	13.7	14.8	12.7	-1.1	1.0
Nova Scotia	10.1	10.8	9.0	-0.7	1.1
New Brunswick	11.3	12.6	11.2	-1.3	0.1
Quebec	8.2	8.2	9.1	0.0	-0.9
Ontario	7.7	7.8	7.6	-0.1	0.1
Manitoba	5.3	4.9	6.0	0.4	-0.7
Saskatchewan	3.8	4.1	5.3	-0.3	-1.5
Alberta	4.6	4.5	5.0	0.1	-0.4
British Columbia	6.7	6.9	7.4	-0.2	-0.7

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	February 2013	January 2013	February 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,696.4	17,645.7	17,360.2	50.7	336.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.4	234.7	228.3	-0.3	6.1
Prince Edward Island	75.2	73.9	72.1	1.3	3.1
Nova Scotia	452.9	449.9	459.3	3.0	-6.4
New Brunswick	353.3	350.4	352.6	2.9	0.7
Quebec	4,036.6	4,049.7	3,923.4	-13.1	113.2
Ontario	6,858.3	6,823.0	6,742.1	35.3	116.2
Manitoba	636.8	640.0	624.7	-3.2	12.1
Saskatchewan	552.3	551.6	529.4	0.7	22.9
Alberta	2,179.2	2,175.0	2,126.3	4.2	52.9
British Columbia	2,317.4	2,297.6	2,302.0	19.8	15.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.0	7.0	7.4	0.0	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.7	11.5	12.8	0.2	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	11.6	11.8	10.8	-0.2	0.8
Nova Scotia	9.3	9.7	8.3	-0.4	1.0
New Brunswick	10.1	11.3	10.0	-1.2	0.1
Quebec	7.4	7.1	8.3	0.3	-0.9
Ontario	7.7	7.7	7.6	0.0	0.1
Manitoba	4.9	5.0	5.6	-0.1	-0.7
Saskatchewan	3.8	4.0	4.9	-0.2	-1.1
Alberta	4.5	4.5	4.9	0.0	-0.4
British Columbia	6.3	6.3	7.0	0.0	-0.7

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February 2013	January 2013	February 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.8	6.7	7.6	0.1	-0.8
Halifax	6.4	6.0	5.7	0.4	0.7
Saint John	9.2	9.2	7.7	0.0	1.5
Quebec	5.1	4.6	5.3	0.5	-0.2
Montreal	8.1	8.1	9.6	0.0	-1.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.0	5.8	5.7	0.2	0.3
Greater Sudbury	7.9	6.8	6.6	1.1	1.3
Toronto	7.9	7.7	8.0	0.2	-0.1
Winnipeg	5.4	5.1	5.7	0.3	-0.3
Regina	3.6	3.7	4.1	-0.1	-0.5
Saskatoon	4.4	4.9	5.8	-0.5	-1.4
Calgary	4.9	4.5	4.9	0.4	0.0
Edmonton	4.3	4.2	5.0	0.1	-0.7
Vancouver	6.4	6.4	6.6	0.0	-0.2
Victoria	5.6	5.5	5.5	0.1	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	171.8	171.4	165.9	0.4	5.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.3	51.1	47.4	1.2	4.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	185.4	184.0	174.5	1.4	10.9
Yorkton-Melville	39.5	39.5	40.1	0.0	-0.6
Prince Albert & Northern	94.8	95.6	94.0	-0.8	0.8

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February 2013	January 2013	February 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	566.5	564.9	549.4	1.6	17.1
Employed ('000)	543.1	541.3	521.3	1.8	21.8
Unemployed ('000)	23.4	23.6	28.1	-0.2	-4.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.2	5.1	-0.1	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.1	68.2	0.1	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.3	66.2	64.8	0.1	1.5
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	519.7	518.7	502.2	1.0	17.5
Employed ('000)	502.4	501.1	481.4	1.3	21.0
Unemployed ('000)	17.3	17.6	20.8	-0.3	-3.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.4	4.1	-0.1	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.5	68.4	0.1	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.3	67.2	65.5	0.1	1.8
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	46.8	46.3	47.2	0.5	-0.4
Employed ('000)	40.7	40.3	39.9	0.4	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	6.1	6.0	7.3	0.1	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.0	13.0	15.4	0.0	-2.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	64.5	66.9	0.6	-1.8
Employment Rate (%)	56.7	56.1	56.6	0.6	0.1
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	18.4	18.4	19.6	0.0	-1.2
Employed ('000)	15.4	15.3	15.6	0.1	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	3.0	3.1	4.0	-0.1	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.4	16.6	20.5	-0.2	-4.1
Participation Rate (%)	58.2	58.4	63.4	-0.2	-5.2
Employment Rate (%)	48.7	48.7	50.4	0.0	-1.7
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Labour Force ('000)	28.4	27.8	27.4	0.6	1.0
Employed ('000)	25.3	24.8	24.1	0.5	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	3.0	3.2	0.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.8	10.6	11.9	0.2	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	69.2	69.4	1.5	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	61.8	61.2	1.3	1.9

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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